

METHODS FOR TREATING PSYCHOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH GLUCOCORTICOID RELATED DYSFUNCTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 This invention ~~generally pertains to the field of psychiatry. In particular,~~
~~this invention~~ pertains to the discovery that agents which inhibit the binding of cortisol to
its receptors can be used in methods for ameliorating ^{psychotic major depression} ~~pathologies or conditions associated~~
~~with psychosis. These pathologies or conditions include psychotic major depression,~~
10 ~~schizoaffective disorders, Alzheimer's Disease and cocaine addiction.~~ Mifepristone, a
potent glucocorticoid receptor antagonist, can be used in these methods. ~~The invention~~
~~also provides a kit for the amelioration of psychosis in a human including a glucocorticoid~~
~~receptor antagonist and instructional material teaching the indications, dosage and schedule~~
~~of administration of the glucocorticoid receptor antagonist.~~

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